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The Genus Callidiellum in North America (Coleoptera : Cerambycidae)

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The genus *Callidiellum* Linsley (1940) has been known from North America previously by but a single species, C. cupressi (Van Dyke), the type of the genus. Two additional species occur in eastern Asia, C. rufipenne (Motschulsky) in Japan and adjacent areas, and C. villosulum (Fairmaire) in eastern China (Linsley, 1958). All three are associated with trees of the Taxodiaceae-Cupressaceae, Callidiellum cupressi with Sargent cypress, Cupressus sargentii Jeps. (or goveniana Gord.), Callidiellum rusipenne with Cryptomeria japonica D. Don. (principally) and *Chamaecyparis obtusa* Sieb. Zuce. and *Callidiellum* villosulum with Cunninghamia lanceolata Hook. This type of discontinuous distributional relationship between East Asiatic-Western North American biotic elements is evident among genera in several tribes of Cerambycidae (Linsley, 1939b, 1942, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1963). Most of these were presumably associated with the Arcto-Tertiary Geoflora (Axelrod, 1960). In view of the biogeographic significance of this discontinuously distributed host-specific group, we offer a description of a new species of *Callidiellum* from Arizona associated with Cupressus glabra Sudw.

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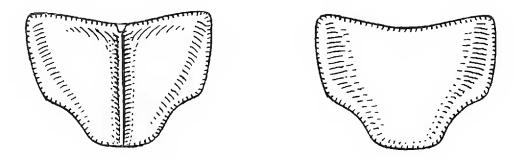


Fig. 1. Mesonotal stridulatory plates of *Callidiellum virescens* (left) and *C. cupressi* (right).

Callidiellum virescens Chemsak & Linsley, new species

MALE.—Form moderate-sized, depressed; color rufous, antennae except scape, femora at base, and mandibles often dark, elytra metallic greenish (usually) to bluish. Head moderately, irregularly punctured on vertex; pubescence fine, erect, of various lengths; antennae extending about two segments beyond body, scape usually pale, sparsely punctured, remaining segments dark or pale, moderately clothed with erect setae and short depressed pubescence. Pronotum wider than long, sides subangulate, apex abruptly, narrowly constricted, base less abruptly constricted; disk with three glabrous calluses at base joining to form a small omega, remainder of disk coarsely, irregularly punctured with interspaces microsculptured; pubescence moderate, long, erect; stridulatory plate of mesonotum with a median longitudinal depression; prosternum with a broad band of coarse deep punctures extending across width, anterior and posterior margins with glabrous, rugulose bands, prosternal process broad, concave. Elytra less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ times as long as broad; surface coarsely, confluently, cribrately punctate, each elytron indistinctly bicostate; pubescence dark, short and subdepressed with numerous long erect hairs interspersed; apices rounded. Legs with femora strongly clavate, moderately pubescent. Abdomen vaguely punctate, moderately pubescent; apex of last sternite subtruncate. Length, 9-11 mm.

FEMALE.—Antennae shorter than elytra, scape less robust. Pronotum lacking discal calluses, surface finely, sparsely punctate; prosternum shallowly rugulose, not punctate, prosternal process narrow. Abdomen with apex of last sternite rounded. Length, 10–11 mm.

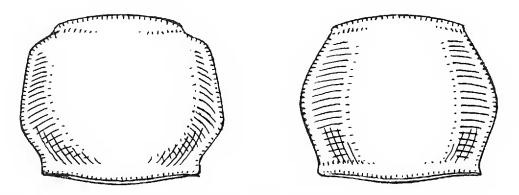


Fig. 2. Pronotal shapes of females of *Callidiellum virescens* (left) and *C. cupressi* (right).

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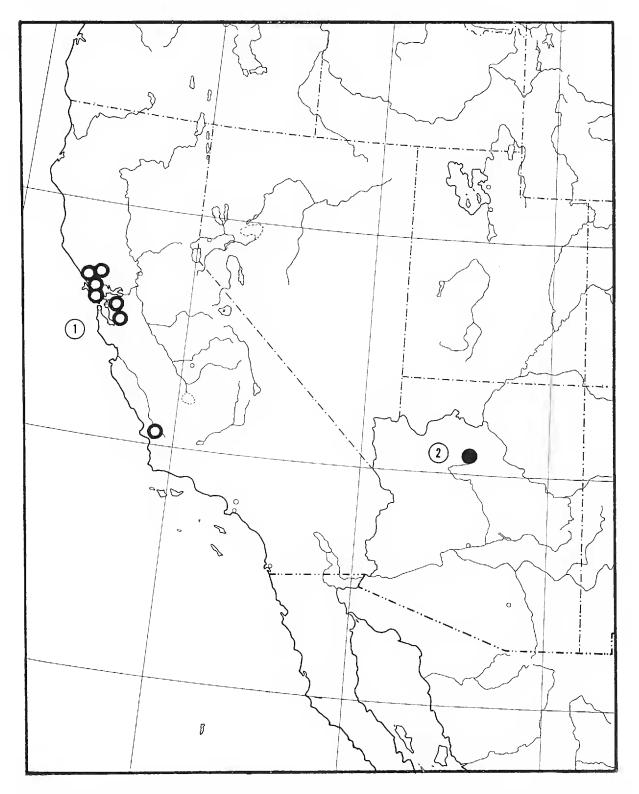


Fig. 3. Known occurrence of (1) Callidiellum cupressi and (2) C. virescens.

Holotype male, allotype female (California Academy of Sciences) and 13 paratypes (seven males, six females) reared from *Cupressus* glabra collected near MANZANITA FOREST CAMP, OAK CREEK CANYON, COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA, 8 September 1964 (C. W. O'Brien). Some specimens emerged in April 1965; others were collected from pupal chambers in December 1965.

This species may be distinguished from C. cupressi (Van Dyke) by

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the distinct depression in the stridulatory plate (Fig. 1), the shape of the pronotum (Fig. 2), and by the usually greenish elytra.

Although the structural characters which distinguish Callidiellum cupressi and C. virescens are constant throughout the series of each which is before us, nevertheless the two give every evidence of being very closely related. Yet the species as now known are very widely separated geographically. C. cupressi occurs in the coastal mountain ranges of central California from Lake County to San Luis Obispo County (Fig. 3) attached to Cupressus sargentii (or goveniana) which usually grows on or near serpentine ridges. C. virescens was found in Oak Creek Canyon, south of Flagstaff in north central Arizona on Cupressus glabra. These localities are separated by from 500-700 miles of such ecologically diverse terrain that any recent contiguity of the populations could scarcely have been possible. This kind of discontinuity is evident in the genus Atimia (Linsley, 1939a, 1962) which is also restricted to host plants in the Taxodiaceae-Cupressaceae and in that section of *Callidium* (Linsley, 1964) which is attached to this same group of plants. However, both of these have more numerous species and involve several host genera. It is possible, of course, that this may yet prove to be true of *Callidiellum*, in North America, as it is in Asia.

The larval habits of *Callidiellum cupressi* have been reported by Chemsak and Powell (1964). As would be expected, those of *C. virescens* are quite similar and will not be described in detail. However, it should be mentioned that the infested branches of *Cupressus glabra* (ranging in diameter from 1 to 2 inches) were also heavily attacked by two species of bark beetles, *Phloeosinus arizonicus* Blackman and *P. spinosus* Blackman. In the rearing cages, *Callidiellum* larvae, feeding just beneath the bark, were responsible for a high mortality among the scolytids.

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